

PATENT



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Applicants: Amjad Ali, et al.

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Examiner:

For: SELECTIVE SPIROCYCLIC
GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR MODULATORS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Advisory Action dated August 15, 2008, and as further explained by the Examiner in the telephone interview on September 16, 2008, and the Office Action dated May 1, 2008. The Office Action set forth a shortened statutory period for response ending August 1, 2008. A request for two months extension is hereby made with this Amendment.

Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this application may be taken from Merck Deposit Account. No. 13-2755. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 53 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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